



# Elko County Board of Commissioners

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August 15, 2011

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**Federal Communications Commission**  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20544

**Re: WT Docket 11-65**

**Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:**

The County of Elko in northeastern Nevada would like to submit its support for the AT&T and T-Mobile merger. With a strong anchor in mining and its continued growth in northeastern Nevada, we must continue to support initiatives like these that will bring the latest technologies to our businesses, residents and future businesses in our area.

Elko County is the fourth largest gold producing area in the world, and our mining industry relies on a strong business infrastructure to support the operations that help create our local economy. Investment to help create a high-speed mobile infrastructure is not only welcome, but it is needed to help keep our businesses competitive on a global scale. By utilizing the latest applications, mobile computing and broadband connectivity, we advance our economy and local interests. We also create new ways for other businesses to develop and flourish here in Elko County.

We are also the home to the Northeastern Nevada Regional Railport, a fifty-seven acre facility offering full-service trans-loading and warehousing. It is a cooperative project between Elko County, the State of Nevada, Elko County Economic Diversification Authority (ECEDA), Savage Services and others who have invested their business to the area. Such projects would benefit from mobile broadband solutions for transportation and warehousing through the use of the proposed 4G LTE network.

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We are a growing county in a rural part of Nevada. We must continue to allow investment from private companies to help our local economy grow, and this merger supports our continued growth at no cost to our taxpayers.

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Stokes', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

**Robert Stokes**  
**Elko County Manager**